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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 18, 1999

APPLICATION OF

INTERPATH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980164

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On November 9, 1998, Interpath Communications, Inc.
("Interpath" or "the Company") completed an application for
certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificate")
to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications
services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

By Order dated December 8, 1998, the Commission directed
the Company to provide notice to the public of its application,
directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and
file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive
evidence relevant to Interpath's application. On January 19,
1999, the Staff filed its report finding that Interpath's
application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules for
Local Exchange Telephone Competition as adopted in Case
No. PUC950018 and the Commission's Rules Governing the

Certification of Interexchange Carriers, as amended in Case No. PUC850035.

Based upon its review of Interpath's application and the audited financial statements of Interpath's parent, Carolina Power & Light Company, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant an interexchange certificate and a local exchange certificate to Interpath.

A hearing was conducted on January 27, 1999. Interpath filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the December 8, 1998, scheduling order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application and the Staff report, the Commission finds that Interpath should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that Interpath may price its interexchange services competitively. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Interpath Communications, Inc. is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-64A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of

Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this order.

(2) Interpath Communications, Inc. is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-433, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this order.

(3) Interpath shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, Interpath may price its interexchange services competitively.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.